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WITHDRAWAL OF US NTB NOTIFICATION ON CITRUS

REF: A. COM. AG./68/ADD. 4 P. 259-DEC. 10, 1970

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PASS AGRICULTURE

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1. IN ABOVE REFERENCED DOCUMENT US AND ISRAEL JOINTLY
SUBMITTED AN NTB NOTIFICATION AGAINST JAPAN REGARDING
HEALTH AND SANITARY (HS) REGULATION ON CITRUS IMPORTS
(08.02).

2. IN RESPONSE TO GATT/AIR 1071, PARA 5 FOR UPDATING NTB
INVENTORY ON HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATION, JAPAN SUBMITTED
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THE FOLLOWING PAPER TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT. TEXT FOLLOWS:

I. 08.02 CITRUS FRUITS, FRESH OR DRIED (PAGE 259)

(A) AS TO THE IMPORTS FROM ISRAEL, BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JAPAN WERE CONCLUDED WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS, 15 OF JUNE 1972, AND THEREAFTER THE CITRUS FRUIT OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN IMPORTED TO JAPAN.

(B) AS TO THE IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THERE IS NO PHYTOSANITARY PROBLEM AS REGARDS IMPORTS FROM THE MAINLAND OF THE UNITED STATES AND A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCED THERE HAS BEEN IMPORTED TO JAPAN.

THE IMPORT OF CITRUS FRUITS PRODUCED IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS IS PROHIBITED BY THE JAPANESE "PLANT PROTECTION LAW", IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENTRANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY AND MANGO FLY. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SOME STATES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROHIBIT THEMSELVES ENTRANCE OF CITRUS FRUITS PRODUCED IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, THE JAPANESE REGULATION IN THIS FIELD COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS AN UNJUSTIFIABLE LIMITATION.

(FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED VIEW POINTS, THE JAPANESE DELEGATION IS REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO RECONSIDER THEIR NOTIFICATIONS ON THIS ITEM AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO WITHDRAW THEM. THEREFORE, OF THESE GOVERNMENTS AGREE, THIS ITEM SHOULD BE DELETED). END OF TEXT.

3. JAPANESE MISSION HAS ASKED US TO FORWARD ABOVE TEXT TO WASHINGTON WITH A REQUEST THAT US RECONSIDER ITS COMPLAINT AND WITHDRAW THE NTB-HS NOTIFICATION AGAINST JAPAN.

4. JAPANESE EAGER RECEIVE US REACTION TO ABOVE REQUEST IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE PRELIMINARY US VIEWS ON SUBJECT BY JUNE 27 WHEN WE MEET INFORMALLY WITH JAPANESE AS PER REFTEL. DALE

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